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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 12, 2005, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the Remarks as follows:

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## Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks.

The Examiner alleges restriction to Group 1 or 2 is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Applicants elect Group 1 (claim 1-12, drawn to polypeptide, classified in Class 530, subclass 350) for examination with traverse. Applicants submit it would not be unduly burdensome to search Groups 1 and 2 together. A search for the claimed polypeptides is likely to uncover art related to polynucleotides encoding the claimed polypeptides.

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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